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FM AMEMBASSY NEW DELHI

TO SECSTATE WASHDC 5898

INFO AMCONSUL HONG KONG

USLO PEKING

AMEMBASSY ISLAMABAD

AMEMBASSY KATHMANDU

AMEMBASSY DACCA

AMEMBASSY COLOMBO

CINCPAC

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E.O. 11652: N/A

TAGS: PFOR, IN, CH

SUBJ: SINO-INDIAN RELATIONS

1. INDIAN NEWSMAN WITH EXCELLENT HIGH-LEVEL CONTACTS IN GOI INFORMS US THAT GOI PLANS TO APPOINT AMBASSADOR TO PEKING AROUND END OF YEAR. L.L. MEHROTRA HAS BEEN APPOINTED NEW INDIAN CHARGE IN PEKING WITH PERSONAL RANK OF MINISTER AND WILL BE LEAVING FOR CHINA IN NEXT WEEK OR SO. HE WOULD STAZRKN AS DCM IF AMBASSADOR ASSIGNED. ISSUE ON WHICH APPOINTMENT OF AMBASSADOR HAS BEEN DELAYED IS INDIAN CONCERN THAT CHINESE WILL PROCRASTINATE ON AGREEMENT. SOVIETS HAVE ALLEGEDLY CAUTIONED INDIANS THAT THIS IS WHAT HAPPENED WHEN THEY LAST PROPOSED NAME OF AMBASSADOR TO CHINESE. MRS. GANDHI IS CONCERNED OVER POLITICAL EMBARRASSMENT IF IT BECAME KNOWN SHE HAD PROPOSED AMBASSADOR TO CHINESE AND CHINESE SIMPLY IGNORED PROPOSAL.

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2. INTEREST IN UPGRADING RELATIONS WITH PEKING APPARENTLY  
STEMS FROM FOREIGN SECRETARY AND FOREIGN MINISTER AND AGAINST  
ADVICE OF "CHINA DESK" JOINT SECRETARY V.V. PARANJPEE WHO HAS  
REPUTATION OF HARD-LINER.

3. COMMENT: REPORT SEEMS PLAUSIBLE TO US. THERE HAVE BEEN  
SEVERAL BALLOONS FLOATED IN THE PRESS IN RECENT WEEKS SUGGESTING  
DESIRABILITY OF IMPROVED SINO-INDIAN DIPLOMATIC AND TRADE  
RELATIONS. THERE HAS BEEN TOTAL ABSENCE OF ANY CRITICAL REACTION  
TO THESE AND ISSUE HAS NOT COME UP IN PARLIAMENT THIS SESSION  
SO FAR. WE DOUBT SOVIETS VERY ENTHUSIASTIC BUT DOUBT THEY  
WOULD GO ANY FURTHER IN OPPOSING INDIAN MOVE THAN SUGGESTED  
IN PARA 1 ABOVE, IF THAT FAR. USLO PEKING MAY WISH TO TEST  
OUT THIS REPORT  
ON INDIAN EMBOFFS.  
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